



# Roman Invasion! - History



## Factual Knowledge

- One of the greatest and most influential civilizations in world history, the Roman Empire began in 753 BC and lasted for well over 1000 years.
- The Roman army was the most powerful in the world and as it conquered more countries, the city of Rome grew from a town into an enormous capital.
- Hadrian's Wall in Northern England was built to mark the boundaries of the Roman Empire and was protected by Roman soldiers living in forts alongside it.
- Roman citizens were divided up into two distinct classes: the patricians (wealthy upper-class people) and the plebeians (everyone else).
- The Romans called London 'Londinium' and it was built by the River Thames as a quick way to transport goods across the continent.
- We still have evidence of Roman life around us today, including roads, towns, central heating and a sewage system and Christianity.

## Key Vocabulary

**Boundaries** - A line that marks a limit to a certain area.

**Fort** - A strong building or structure in strategic position.

**Hadrian's Wall** - A boundary wall to mark out their territory, Britannia.

**Influential** - Having a big impact on someone or something.

**Patricians** - A member of a long established and wealthy family.

**Plebeians** - A member of the common community with no wealth or title.

**Advancements** - A development or improvement.

**Empire** - A group of states or countries ruled over by a single monarch.

**Legacy** - The long-lasting impact of events, actions, etc. that took place in the past.

**Social class** - a division of a society based on social and economic status.

